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My son joined the Corvallis Aquatic Team during the COVID-19 pandemic, as it was the only sports program that maintained consistent training hours. Since then, the Osborn Aquatic Center has become one of his favorite places. We've seen tremendous improvement in his swimming skills, as well as his social development through friendships with other swimmers.

However, the recent closure of the Osborn indoor pool has made it extremely difficult for swimmers to attend regular practices. The constantly changing times and locations each week have disrupted routines and added stress to many families. In addition, the need to travel for swim meets—often requiring hotel stays—has placed a significant financial burden on many households, sometimes costing families thousands of dollars annually.

We strongly encourage Congress to pass the bill to fund repairs for the Osborn Aquatic Center and begin the renovation process as soon as possible. This facility is not only vital to youth sports, but also to the overall health and community spirit of our city.